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## Councillors call out inequity in flood funding

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

To say that some members of Haliburton County are upset that an organization in an adjacent municipality received millions of dollars for work on flood mitigation from the provincial government while the county received nothing would be an understatement.

During a Dec. 18 meeting of Haliburton County council, councillors received a report from the province's special advisor on flooding, who conducted an independent review of the flooding events throughout Ontario in 2019.

"Specific to our county, recommendation #23 requests information to be provided by the County of Haliburton," reads a report from county planning director Charley White. "The recommendation states: That the County of Haliburton document how their collaborative model worked for the 2019 flood and share this information with, and for the benefit of, other counties, municipalities and conservation authorities. No formal request related to this recommendation has

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### Joy to the world

As his choirmates Athena Upton and Kylie Simms share a giggle, Blair Fisher gives it his enthusiastic all on stage to the delight of the audience at the Archie Stouffer Elementary School Christmas Concert held Dec. 13. The concert showcased students singing, dancing and acting out festive favourites for a full house of family, friends and community members who came to the daytime event. See more photos on page 13./SUE TIFFIN Staff

## Minden Hills to close Irondale landfill

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

The Township of Minden Hills will close the Irondale landfill site in September of 2020.

The landfill has had a number of issues in recent years, including non-compliance with provincial regulations, and residents dumping garbage along a nearby roadway when the site is closed. It also has the lowest traffic volume of any of the township's landfills.

"At present, both Minden Hills residents and a small number of Highlands East residents use the Irondale landfill site to dispose of garbage and recycling," reads a report from public works director Travis Wilson. "Waste from Minden Hills residents is landfilled on site and waste from Highlands East residents is transferred to their waste disposal site for landfilling. The construction of the waste mound at [the] Irondale landfill is not in compliance with the governing regulation, the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA), or the design and operations report." Wilson's report indicated the township is under direction from the Ministry of Environment to perform significant earthworks to amend these issues as soon as possible.

The report also indicates the Irondale site has the lowest traffic volume of all the

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### Students stage The Breakfast Club

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 11/12 drama students Ruthie Parker, as Allison Reynolds, left, and Cole Prentice, as Andrew Clark share a scene during the staging of *The Breakfast Club* on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. There were four performances from Dec. 15 to 17. The cast included Trista Greer, Abigail Kauffeldt, Cole Prentice and Dakota Sawyer. HHSS will be staging *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* from Jan. 12 to 14. Tickets are \$10 and anyone interested in seeing the upcoming show can purchase or inquire at 705-457-2950./DARREN LUM Staff



Dakota Sawyer, as John Bender and guest actress Krystin Hope, as the vice-principal share a heated scene.



The character of Beth Johnson, played by Abigail Kauffeldt, writes a letter to the vice-principal as part of her punishment in detention.

# Devolin offended by uneven flood funding

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been received.”

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt told her colleagues that in November she had been invited to a listening session hosted by the Muskoka Watershed Advisory Group. The northern portion of Algonquin Highlands township drains into the Muskoka Watershed. As Moffatt explained, the Muskoka Watershed Advisory

Group is reviewing a watershed plan for that municipality.

“Along with that, they got \$5 million for no apparent reason, except to undertake that work, with options to achieve another \$5 million,” Moffatt said. “What’s interesting about that is no other municipality in Ontario was given \$5 million to address their watershed issue.”

For the past few years, the County of Haliburton has been working on a flood miti-

gation plan, including the LIDAR mapping project currently underway, all that work together worth almost \$1 million.

What’s more, Moffatt said, a function of the group is to inform “a broader, comprehensive approach to watershed management in Ontario, including economic, social and environmental impacts of watershed challenges.”

In its flood mitigation efforts, the county has strengthened its relationship and communications with agencies such as the Trent Severn Waterway and the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow. In 2015, the county in concert with the CEWF created the Upper Trent Watershed Water Management Partnership, or UTWWMP, to give a unified voice to the stakeholders of the feeder lakes of the Trent-Severn Waterway when it comes to water management in the system. A number of its members have graduate-level education in issues of watershed management.

“I would like to find out how we can inform the process,” Moffatt said, adding she believed the work the county has been doing the past few years could be key to it.

“And it could be the other way around, I think the work we are doing could be the model,” she said.

Moffatt said she’d made a request for a ministerial delegation to discuss the issue during the upcoming Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference.

“I can’t comprehend how the province can consult with one area and give it \$5 million, and then use that information to help inform some province-wide rollout,” she said. “It makes no sense whatsoever.”

“And meanwhile the special advisor is asking us to do a report,” said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Daniels, referencing the request for the county to share its flood mitigation work.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin was furious.

“I’ll preface this first, if you need to reprimand me or kick me out of the chamber, I’ll take what I may,” Devolin told Daniels. “This is bull----”

“I can’t disagree with you,” Daniels said.

“This region, with UTWWMP and the county, is so far ahead of other regions with regards to planning, all the elements are there . . . that it should serve as a template,” Devolin said. “And I’m offended.”

“I’m done being nice, and the gloves are off,” Devolin added. “I’m offended, and every member of this government that I meet in the next six months to a year, I will absolutely unload on them on this issue.”

The Township of Minden Hills declared states of emergency due to extreme flooding in 2013, 2017 and 2019.

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### HOLIDAY NOTICE

The staff of the Minden Times will be off until Dec. 30. The next edition of the Minden Times will be published Jan. 8.



# Irondale landfill least used in Minden Hills

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township's landfills and transfer stations. "The average daily site traffic at [the] Irondale landfill is 17 users, with the site seeing a maximum of 33 users per day," Wilson's report reads. "Average daily traffic at other sites range from 23 to 238 users per day with maximum traffic ranging between 112 and 892 users. The maximum traffic

through the site in a single week was 123 vehicles, meaning that there are approximately 123 unique users to the site. Other township waste facilities have between 269 and 3,969 unique site users."

The landfill's closure means those 123 unique users will have to travel to another Minden Hills transfer station to dispose of their waste, which could result in increased driving times of 15 to 25 minutes. Wilson's

report indicated this would be a higher-than-average driving time for Minden Hills residents, but was in line with driving times for other residents of Haliburton County.

"It costs 700 per cent more for us to deal with garbage at the site than Scotch Line [landfill]," Mayor Brent Devolin said during a Dec. 12 council meeting. "We need an exit strategy as expeditiously as possible."

Wilson's report also includes estimates for converting the site to a transfer station.

"A conversion to a transfer station will have an approximate capital cost of \$137,500," it reads. "Continued operation of the site will have administrative costs of approximately \$2,100 per year and operational expenses of approximately \$36,500 per year."

That process would require the hiring of a consultant and take an estimated two years to complete.

A conversion to a transfer station was not something councillors were interested in.

Councillor Jean Neville noted that process would still entail a large expense, "which I think is just ripping the Band-Aid off more slowly."

There is a landfill site owned by Highlands East in Gooderham, and Devolin and Wilson said during the meeting there have been some preliminary discussions with Highlands East representatives about the possibility of allowing some residents to access that site, in an agreement similar to the one that has existed for Highlands East residents using the Irondale site.

The township will undertake a public outreach process to inform residents of what's going on before the anticipated September closure.

## Business could benefit from CIP

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Minden Hills' community improvement plan could offer grants to business owners within the village of Minden for improvements to the facades of their building, should the township provide funding under the CIP in 2020.

Township economic development, destination and marketing officer Emily Stonehouse discussed the CIP, along with a design guide for those who might be interested in the program, during a Dec. 12 council meeting.

A community improvement plan allows council, through a bylaw, to establish a physical area wherein the township can offer financial incentives to private property owners – both residential and commercial – for physical improvements to their properties. Council adopted a CIP area, which is essentially downtown Minden, in June.

"It was noted that although the CIP was a helpful resource, it was lacking specific guidance and direction for businesses interested in participating in the CIP," Stonehouse told councillors. "Council directed staff to strike a design committee of local business owners to assist with colour, theme and directional

recommendations to make the CIP more accessible and user-friendly."

A design guide was created.

"The guide was designed as a resource to complement the existing CIP and provide interested businesses with direction and recommendations that would create a cohesive appearance to the downtown core," Stonehouse said. "So this is designed to very much be just a user-friendly little guidebook, it's kind of bright and colourful and in it there's some recommendations from business owners to kind of create a more cohesive look. None of these are mandatory, but they're definite recommendations."

The guide lays out the criteria of the program in point form, and makes recommendations on the use of certain heritage colours, for example.

"It's so that if a business comes in to us and says we're interested in participating, I can say here's a little book," Stonehouse said.

With maximum facade improvement grants of up to \$15,000, it's Stonehouse's recommendation that \$60,000 be budgeted for 2020. However, Minden Hills councillors held their first round of budget deliberations on Dec. 12, and it remains unclear what may remain, or be cut from, departmental draft budgets.



### Nail trims for toys

Dr. Jennifer Morrow of Minden Animal Hospital presents Joanne Barnes of the Minden Food Bank with a cheque for \$362 and 12 toys for this Christmas season. The Minden Animal Hospital staff completed 36 nail trims for toys from Nov. 18 to Dec. 13. /Photo submitted



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### Seasons Greetings

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Dec 16<sup>th</sup> to Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM  
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**Cultural Centre/Agnes Jamieson Gallery**  
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**Landfills**  
All Sites are **CLOSED** Dec 25<sup>th</sup> & Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

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Regular hours resume Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Public Welcome

Meetings are held at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street.

**Jan 9 – Standing Budget Committee Meeting**

**Jan 30 – Combined COTW & Council Meeting**

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit  
[www.mindenHills.ca](http://www.mindenHills.ca)

**Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of  
December and January.**

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The Boardwalk & Logger's Crossing Bridge are cleared of snow regularly but are not sanded or salted. Residents are advised to "Exercise Caution" when using these pathways as they could develop slippery conditions.

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From Nov 1st to Apr 30th, overnight parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 8:00 AM on township roadways and parking lots. Furthermore, parking in the turning circle of a cul-de-sac is prohibited during all hours. Vehicles parked in these areas that prohibit the removal of snow will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner's expense.

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For more information, please contact Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services at [mcolem@mindenHills.ca](mailto:mcolem@mindenHills.ca). Application Forms are available online at <https://mindenHills.ca/advisory-committees-2/>.

### NOTICE – 2020 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence the 2nd round of its 2020 Budget deliberations during its Standing Budget Committee Meeting scheduled for January 9, 2020.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

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# County working to streamline services: warden

by **SUE TIFFIN**  
Times Staff

In the next year, county council plans to face challenges including the question of governance, physician recruitment and provincial changes to public health and paramedicine, and celebrate successes such as the expansion of cell and broadband service, the development of a shoreline preservation bylaw, and work toward better preparation for climate change.

In a speech she delivered at this year's Haliburton County inauguration after being named warden for a second year, Warden Liz Daniels, also Algonquin Highlands deputy mayor, spoke to the year past and the year ahead while surrounded by fellow members of county council, and an audience of politicians and well-wishers.

"Given the voices that we heard loud and clear during the election, urging amalgamation and questioning the costs of municipal operations across the county, one of our first priorities was governance and streamlining of services," said Daniels. "However, before any decision on governance can be made, the delivery of services and who should be providing them has to be determined."

Daniels said "no small amount of work" had been done by management and staff to ensure financial sustainability across all departments, noting a comprehensive asset management plan that was passed earlier this year. "In addition, a lot of hard work has been done by staff across the county in all four municipalities to look at those services that are already shared and what opportunities there might be for further sharing or streamlining," said Daniels.

"We are now poised to put out a call for services to look at service delivery which we hope will guide us in our final discussions on a governance model that will work for us all. Thankfully, the province has provided modernization funding which will be used to aid this process. Hopefully our goal of making a final determination on governance will be achieved within this term of council."

Despite council choosing in this past year to "place a major transportation project on hold," Daniels said there had been successes as well: "Both the federal and provincial government have finalized the funding for expansion of both cell service and broadband and that work should commence in 2020, with other projects in the planning stages ... all so key to the economic success of the county."

She also spoke to the lidar program initiated in the past year, the acquisition of both daycare centre properties in Haliburton and Minden, the hiring of a climate change coordinator, and "in the area of physician recruitment we are waiting for the final piece of paperwork from two physicians who have committed to practice in the county. This will help immensely to fill some of the shortfall we're experiencing in the number of health professionals practising in the county and surrounding area."

While the province suggests what Daniels said were "some fairly significant changes over the next year," in the delivery and governance of public health, paramedicine, planning and other areas that impact municipal administration, "the province is also looking to all municipalities to do our part to reduce costs to address the fiscal challenges that exist."

"To that end this year council approved cost cutting recom-



This year's Haliburton County council, from left, Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy, Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts, Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton, Minden Hills Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell, Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall, and Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Daniels, seated, who will serve as Haliburton County warden for a second term. The county council was sworn in on Dec. 17 at the county council chambers in Minden. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

mendations that offset almost all of the changes to provincial funding, and we will continue to look for ways to ensure that services are maintained at the levels the public expect without large property tax increases."

Daniels thanked her colleagues at the table with her, for their trust in her leadership as warden for a second year, as well as the county's management team and staff and those in Algonquin Highlands for their support.

"In particular I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Mike Rutter, our CAO, who truly is doing an exemplary job on our behalf," she said. "It's interesting to note that Mike is one of five CAOs across the county who are all examples of local successes, all of them being Haliburton born and raised. We're proud of you all!"

She also thanked supporters from around the county.

"While I have said this before, there are people in this room, throughout the county and elsewhere, who have helped me in so many ways, whether it is by being a mentor, a friend with good advice or simply a shoulder to lean on or an ear to bend," she said. "And speaking of mentors, I would like to thank [former politician] Murray Fearrey, who helped me from the day we met with solid advice. I sincerely thank you all for your offers of friendship and for your guidance."

Daniels ended by noting county council would face challenges in the coming year, "but if we work together as a team, I am confident that we can deliberate and make decisions that will benefit all residents across the county."



Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Daniels was sworn in as warden of Haliburton County at the inaugural meeting of county council held Dec. 17./ SUE TIFFIN Staff

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# Funding to assist land trust in developing mapping technique

by JENN WATT  
Editor

Good news keeps rolling in for the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, which announced on Dec. 13 that its grant application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation to develop a new wetlands mapping method had been successful.

The land trust will receive more than \$71,000 for the project.

According to information provided by HHLT, the mapping will identify wetlands that will assist the organization in its conservation efforts in the county.

"We are looking forward to using this new and improved mapping to identify ecologically sensitive wetlands so that our conservation and restorative efforts can be better planned and more sustainable," Mary-Lou Gerstl, HHLT chair, said.

In November, the land trust received funding from the federal government to map the Kendrick Creek Wetland

Complex in Minden Hills, with the goal of having it designated a provincially significant wetland.

Wetlands provide habitat for many species at risk, help to prevent flooding, maintain water quality, recharge groundwater reserves and act as a carbon sink, which is crucial in combating climate change.

Flooding has become an ongoing issue in the county, particularly in the Minden Hills area with the township declaring a state of emergency in 2013, 2017 and 2019.

"I would like to congratulate Haliburton Highlands Land Trust for being awarded a \$71,100 grant to explore new and sustainable ways to continue their tremendous efforts in conserving and restoring our local wetlands," MPP Laurie Scott said. "This grant will enhance Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and its positive contribution to Haliburton County."

HHLT says that the new mapping method could be used by municipal and provincial government bodies.

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We are looking forward to using this new and improved mapping to identify ecologically sensitive wetlands.

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The top 10

AN ANNUAL tradition, as 2019 draws to a close, here is a countdown of the top 10 Times stories of the year.

10. Zion United

Nearly 130 years old, Carnarvon’s Zion United Church was closed in the spring as its congregation was merged with that of the former Minden United Church to create Highland Hills United Church in Minden. The former church in Carnarvon remains for sale.

9. Heavenly performance

Local Coleman Heaven wins a silver medal at the 2019 Canoe Kayak Whitewater National Championships at the Minden Wild Water Preserve in August.

8. Koehler a champ

Carnarvon resident and ski-jorer Karen Koehler and Buncho, a three-year-old German shorthaired pointer, picked up a first-place finish at the 10th annual Bristol Dryland National Canadian Championship Dog Race in October.

7. Teacher strikes

At press time, members of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation continue to hold one-day strikes as they attempt to sign a new contract with the province. ETFO is also planning job action as it attempts to reach a contract with the Ford government.

6. Dorset library branch

A process a couple of years in the making, the former Dorset branch of the Haliburton County Public Library at the Dorset Recreation Centre is closed. The space has been converted into a community hub, and still offers a book pickup depot service.

5. Landfills

Landfills have made this list one way or another for at least three consecutive years. This year, Algonquin Highlands council voted to close the Hawk Lake landfill, which is reaching capacity in

2021, and Minden Hills council voted to close the Irondale landfill, which has low traffic and non-compliance issues, in fall of 2020. Waste disposal and diversion remains a complex and costly issue for the county’s municipalities.

4. Governance review

Haliburton County council votes to issue a request for proposals for a consultant to perform a service delivery and governance review for the county and its four lower-tier municipalities. The study will look at the delivery of services, in particular, which tier is best suited to deliver which service, opportunities for consolidation of services, etc., and may also lead to recommendations to change the local governance structure itself, such as the possibility of an amalgamated, single-tier government.



CHAD INGRAM  
Reporter

3. Flooding

For the third time in a span of six years, the Township of Minden Hills declares a state of emergency due to flooding from April 24 to May 6. Water levels and flood mitigation remain a major concern in the county.

2. Daycares

The County of Haliburton purchases both licenced daycare facilities in the county, the facility in Minden and Wee Care, located just outside Haliburton Village. The purchases eliminate potential precious situations around the ownership and operations of the facilities. A truly good news story for young families of the county.

1. Arena project

In February, Minden Hills council, in a 4-3 vote, awards a contract for a nearly \$13-million arena and gymnasium to a lone bidder. Earlier this month, council voted to approve an additional \$250,000 in contingency funds for the project, which is expected to incur an overrun. By far the largest capital project in the history of the township, it’s a story that is not over.



John Gibb sent in this photo of a frosty morning by the Gull River.

The joys of Christmas

FOR THE OUTDOORS man and woman, Christmas is a time of great joy – and not just for reasons normal people might think either. Sure, we enjoy the eggnog and Christmas cake, the religious celebration, the trees, lights and decorations, the gifts and gift giving, and even the carols.

All those things are fantastic, but for the most part, we outdoorsy types tend to enjoy the little, less commercial things even more. For instance, the Christmas season gives us snow for tracking and a landscape so beautiful that you could put it on a postcard. There’s also ice forming on the lakes, ducks in their best plumage and the promise of a host of winter activities in the great outdoors.

But what really makes the season special for us is the “peace on earth, good-will towards man” clause. The advantages this clause provides are fairly common knowledge among veteran hunters and anglers, but I think a little explanation might be in order for those who are just getting into the sport.

“Peace on earth, good will towards men” is a simple, even wondrous phrase that can be turned to your benefit. It is full of good intent and kindness and, if you say it sincerely enough, it has a better than average chance of stopping simmering anger cold.

That means, it gives the outdoors person a lot of leeway when it comes to doing things that might not be acceptable at other less joyous times of the year, such as dinner parties.

Take, for example, something as simple and wholesome as practising with your goose call. Clearly, this is a thing that needs to be done every day or so to keep sharp,

preferably in the early morning when your vocal cords are rested. Yet, despite this, your spouse, most non-hunters, anyone you take long drives with, people on the train, or others at the wedding or library, seem to lose all reason when it comes to the subject.

That’s why we are so lucky the phrase “peace on earth, good will towards man” is at our disposal.

Frankly, it provides a bit of a Christmas miracle. For even unreasonable people will put down that umbrella or broom when you remind them of the “peace on earth, good

will towards man” clause that we are all supposed to abide by during the Christmas season. Oh sure, you might need to repeatedly remind them as you dodge or run, but eventually, the message sinks in just as the spirit of the season intended.

This message also comes in handy when you walk into the house with a new fishing rod, ice auger or firearm that was not anticipated and approved

by your better half. Or when asked why you decided to regale your spouse’s co-workers with an hour-long tale of squirrel hunting at the office Christmas party?

The point here is we get a lot of leeway at Christmas because, generally, it is the most wonderful time of the year and, specifically, because of the “peace on earth, good will towards man” clause. And you would be remiss if you didn’t use this to your advantage.

But like all Christmas presents, there’s something in it for everyone. My own spouse proposed that we add tofu and kale to the Christmas dinner menu. And, after I voiced my opinion, she had the last words.

They were “Peace on earth, goodwill towards man.”



STEVE GALEA  
Beyond 35



# IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

## O Night Divine!

**M**ANY CHRISTMAS EVES have passed since the one years ago when I heard the voice of an angel. It was a voice I can never forget; a voice that gave me the best Christmas present ever.

Fresh-fallen snow protested beneath my gumboots breaking trail down the unplowed lane as I walked home that Christmas Eve. Dry, sharp squeaks, not unlike the cries of cheap chalk scraped against too clean a blackboard.

Skuur-eek, skuur-eek.

The boots ignored the sounds. They moved on, ribbed rubber bottoms and laced high leather tops creating a meandering wake in the ankle-deep snow.

From each side of the lane, drifted snow leaned tiredly against the back-sides of the bungalows, dropped there by an impatient blizzard just passed through. Their crests were indistinguishable against the white stucco walls but nearly reached tufted piles of fluffy snow clinging nervously to windowsills and eavestrough lips.



**JIM POLING SR.**

*From Shaman's Rock*

The squeaks flew through the still night air, dodging fat snowflakes that fell heavily onto my cap bill, occasionally splashing into my face, flushed warm from the walk.

Faint strains of music joined the squeaking as I approached our back fence. I stopped to hear the music more clearly, now identifiable as singing voices escaping through an open window.

I shuffled forward and listened to the notes float out crisply and clearly, then mingle with smoke rising from the chimneys. Notes and smoke rose together into an icy sky illuminated by frost crystals set shimmering by thousands of stars and the frosty moon.

The music was the Christmas carol *O Holy Night*, and the notes came from the window in my grandmother's room. It was open to the cold because most people smoked cigarettes back then and cracked a window at gatherings to thin the smoke. They sang the first verse, and, when they reached the seventh line, the other voices ceased and a single voice carried on alone:

"Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices! O Niiii ... iiight Diii...vine!"

That's the part where the voice rises higher and higher until the singer reaches a stratospheric note.

The solo voice belonged to Louise LaFrance, my grandmother, and I knew she was hitting that high note while sitting on the edge of the bed that had been her prison for 16 years. She was crippled with limb-twisting rheumatoid arthritis and suffered searing pain and the challenge of being bedridden, one that included needing a bedpan to relieve herself and having her son-in-law lift her into the bathtub.

She had taken up smoking to help ease the pain but had trouble holding a cigarette between her gnarled fingers.

She never complained or questioned why she had to bear the pain, and despite her frailty, she was a leader in our house. We brought our problems to her. When we hurt, we ran to her and she draped her twisted arms around us and absorbed our pain because she believed it was better that she have it than us.

The others had stopped singing to listen to her. A shiver danced on my spine the second time she hit the high notes at the words "O Night Divine."

When she finished singing *O Holy Night*, the other voices started up again, this time with *Silent Night* and other favourite carols.

I went into the house and found Christmas Eve celebrants — my mom, dad, and some neighbours — crowded into the 10-by-10 bedroom that was my grandmother's world. They sang long into the night, mostly in French because the neighbours were the Gauthiers who seldom spoke English to my grandmother and my mother.

After the singing ended my mother served tourtière, which I slathered with mustard and devoured as only a teenager can. Then we gathered at the tree and opened our gifts.

I have long forgotten what I got, and it doesn't matter, because my real gift was the understanding that those high notes were not solely the products of my grandmother's lungs.

They came from a strength far beyond anything that mere human flesh can produce. They were high notes driven by something far stronger — an unbreakable spirit.

It was my grandmother's last Christmas. But the memory of her high notes and unbreakable spirit brings her back every Christmas.

## Goodbye, 2019

**I**HAVE WRITTEN another 52 articles regarding health and fitness. The two go hand-in-hand. You can't have one without the other. At times I do feel like I am a broken record. For our young readers, that means saying the same thing over and over and over again. The fact is there is nothing new about the human body. There are new diseases or variations on new diseases that affect us but generally speaking there's nothing different about how our bodies function. As much as my body and your body are the same, they are different. They are the same in the way that they need movement, rest and nourishment. It's the amount of each of those that is required to keep us functioning well that is different. Here's the point I'd love for you to embrace; no one can tell you how much you need of each of those. It's a trial and error process, and you are the scientist.



**LAURIE SWEIG**

*Practical Fitness*

I like to think of the movement/rest/nourishment combo as the Health Tripod. For a tripod to function properly it has to be balanced evenly on each of its legs. Here's the part where I feel like I repeat myself: For you to feel your best you need the right amount of movement/exercise, a good amount of sleep (that solid kind where you don't know where you are when you wake up), and a balanced diet of macro (protein, carbohydrates and fat) and micro (vitamins and minerals) nutrients. What is the right amount? That is the million-dollar question. I'm saying that literally because we have spent a lot of money/time/energy trying to figure out

what is best for us. We buy books, videos and nutritional supplements. We follow diets and see experts for guidance. The search for the proverbial magic pill goes on and on. It's time to stop. It's time to look in the mirror. That's where the answers are. All of them. I promise.

Take a moment now and think about your tripod. How much sleep did you get last night? What have you eaten so far today? How much movement have you had in the last couple of hours? Assessing yourself will take time and energy (notice I didn't

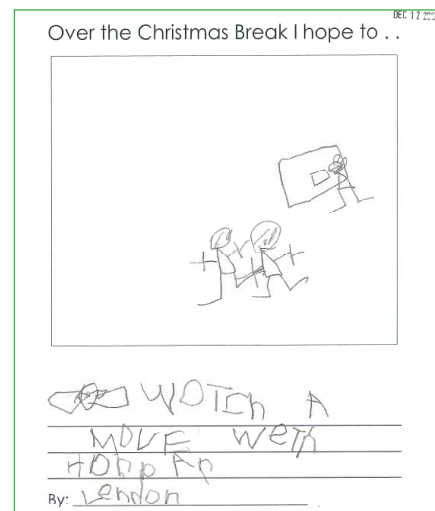
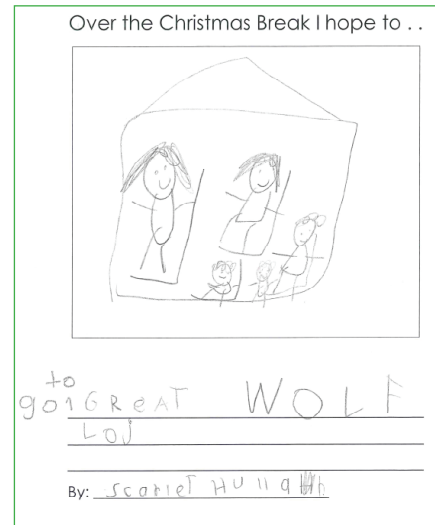
include money - already we're ahead). Get yourself a notebook or a piece of paper and start tracking the amount of sleep you get, what you're eating, and how much you move. Then a few times a day write down how you're feeling both physically and emotionally. They are connected. It may be overwhelming to tackle all three aspects to start, so start with one aspect. Do that for a

week, and then move on to the next area for a week, etc. I suggest planning a minimum of a three-month time period. I bet what happens is that your habits start to evolve naturally as your tripod finds its perfect balance. Well not perfect, because that is unattainable, but you will find more stability as things do adjust.

Something to think about.

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## Holiday artwork by students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School





# County should reduce use of paper, consultant finds

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
Times Staff

Scrapping the use of so much paper was one recommendation for the County of Haliburton stemming from an operational review conducted by consulting and accounting firm KPMG.

County councillors received a representation on the results of that review during a Dec. 18 meeting. It should be noted that review looked at the internal operations of the County of Haliburton, and is separate and distinct from the larger service delivery and governance review the county is undertaking for itself and its four lower-tier municipalities.

Chas Anselmi, a senior manager with KPMG's Sudbury office who was the engagement manager on the review, presented the findings to council.

"What do you do, why do you do it, and how do you do it?" Anselmi said, as he explained the essential questions the review strived to answer. "And those are very important questions for a number of reasons, but, in a lot of cases, what this serves as, is a bit of an educational piece for council, as well as the general public, and whoever decides to pick up this document and read it, because municipalities are extremely complex organizations."

The review also included a comparative analysis with similar-sized communities, looking at the per-household cost of delivering individual services.

"In a lot of cases, comparative analysis just provides us with a bit of a why, as to where you fall within the spectrum of a service," Anselmi said. "It's not an absolute finding because . . . whether you're at the top or the bottom in some cases, may not tell the complete story."

The county was compared with the counties of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Peterborough and Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

The County of Haliburton generally has low per-household costs compared to these other counties. For example, the annual per-household cost for general corporate services is \$113.47, compared to \$112.53 as a low and \$216.17



Chas Anselmi of KPMG presents an operational review of the County of Haliburton performed by the consulting firm to county councillors during a Dec. 18 meeting. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

as high. The county had the lowest per-household costs for planning and development services and social housing, with per-household costs for these services at \$13.80 and \$22.01, respectively. Comparative highs for those two services were \$109.01 and \$82.29, respectively.

The review found that the vast majority of the services the county provides – 95 per cent – are considered mandatory (required by legislation), essential or traditional, and five per cent discretionary.

A traditional service is defined as one that is not mandatory or essential, but for which a public expectation exists that the service will be provided.

That five per cent discretionary service is basically the county's new climate change mitigation plan.

"This is going to become a traditional service in short order," Anselmi said.

The review found that 95 per cent of the service meet standard levels, with five per cent below standard and none above. So, essentially, the County of Haliburton does an adequate job of providing base services, at a low cost.

One recommendation from the review was the implementation of an electronic records system, "a process we see

across organizations that's absent here," Anselmi said, advising the county to reduce its reliance on paper. "The county's processes appear to be heavily reliant on paper, as opposed to electronic formats, with associated inefficiencies (and costs) in terms of the movement and storage of documents," the review reads.

Other recommendations include the centralization of corporate communications, a service level reduction in "the rationalization of library services," the exploration of a county-wide planning department, and the establishment of development charges.

The county is currently undertaking a development charges study.

"I'm very pleased to see that we are already moving on some of the issues you've identified in the report," said County Warden Liz Danielsen.

"It was a great exercise for us to go through," said chief administrative officer Mike Rutter.

"We may now look at this and say . . . there aren't a lot of opportunities for us to reduce our costs, not a lot . . . but there are lot of opportunities to become more efficient in how we deliver those services."

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# County releases RFP for service delivery review

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Dec. 18 meeting of Haliburton County council.*

Councillors voted to release a request for proposals for a consultant to conduct a service delivery and governance review for the County of Haliburton and its four lower-tier municipalities.

The study will look at the delivery of services, in particular, which tier is best suited to deliver which service, opportunities for consolidation of services, etc., and may also lead to

recommendations to change the local governance structure itself, such as the possibility of an amalgamated, single-tier government.

According to a timeline laid out in a staff report, final questions from proponents will be accepted until Jan. 2, and the acceptance period for tenders will end at noon on Thursday, Jan. 16. A short list of candidates will make presentation to county council on Feb. 12, and county councillors will select a consultant on Feb. 26. The project is to be concluded by June 12.

Initially, it was thought that report would be completed by next fall. However, new municipal modernization funding the province has made available is a perfect fit for the project. A caveat is that in order to qualify for that funding, the study must now be completed by June.

County chief administrative officer Mike Rutter has estimated the process could cost \$150,000, but has added on a number of occasions this estimate may be conservative. The upper tier of the county would fund half the cost, each of its lower tiers at 12.5 per cent, although a successful grant application for modernization funding would mean costs borne by the province.

## Two physicians recruited

It appears the County of Haliburton has been successful in recruiting two new physicians to practice medicine in the county.

"There is a process we follow with this," chief administrative officer Mike Rutter told councillors. "Part of it is getting HHHS to sign a letter, there's some mentoring that needs to happen, there are a number of steps. But, I would say we have received a commitment . . . if not signed on the dotted line, but a commitment, from two physicians who want to start practising in 2020 in the County of Haliburton."

"I think our investment in a physician recruiter has paid incredible dividends," Rutter added. "In six months, we have two physicians ready to sign on the dotted line."

Earlier this year the county hired Cheryl Kennedy, formerly of the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, as physician recruiter, a new position for the county.

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# Red Hawks’ attack tames Lions

by **DARREN LUM**  
*Times Staff*

Seven days before Christmas, the Red Hawks senior boys’ hockey team gave their fans an early gift, beating the Lions of Adam Scott in a 5-0 win.

With only about seven extra players on the bench, the Adam Scott Lions didn’t have much to combat the high flying Hawks, who were skating with confidence and energy, spurred on by the hometown fans at the A.J. LaRue Arena on Thursday, Dec. 19 in Haliburton.

This win, which comes on the heels of a 2-0 win over Thomas A. Stewart Secondary in Peterborough, puts the team in a strong position for the Kawartha Championship playoffs, coach Jason Morissette said.

The scoring barrage was started by Hawks defenceman Isaac Little, who scored the game’s first goal, which was the eventual game-winner. Goals also came from Braedan Robinson, who had two, Reese Casey, and Lucas Haedicke, who had a highlight assist when he deked around a pair of players, drawing a defenceman and then dropping the puck off to Robinson for an easy tap in for the fourth goal.

Although there wasn’t much action for the

Hawks veteran keeper, Carson Sisson, he did come up big with a few highlight stops, particularly one shot when a Lions player was alone in front during the first period. Sisson finished with the shutout in the win.

The veteran Hawks line of Haedicke, Robinson and Paul Turner led the way with points with their composure and ability to execute the game plan.

Hawks rookie Billy Walker earned his ice time, fore-checking as the first forward in the zone, which is what his coach Morissette wants from all his players. He was also flying around the ice and looking to finish checks.

He’s been trying to encourage his players to start games focused. It’s going to be key to success against tougher competition. This blowout game, Morissette said, showed him his players remained disciplined in playing an unselfish game.

As the team has four wins and two losses, he said the Hawks are doing better than he expected thus far in the season.

“We’re probably right around where we want to be, but ... I was hoping for maybe, a .500 record would be good so we’re a little bit above that going into the new year, but again second half of the season is going have some challenges. We’ll see,” he said.



Red Hawks forward Billy Walker works the puck in the corner on a forecheck, Adam Scott Lions defender Ian Thomas looks to impede during Kawartha High School Hockey League action on Thursday, Dec. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks won 5-0 and go into the holidays with four wins and two losses./DARREN LUM Staff

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*Answers on page 12*



Red Hawks defenceman Dylan Keefer fights to keep his balance after being obstructed by Adam Scott defender Ian Thomas.



## Bowling Scores

**Monday afternoon, Dec. 16**  
High Average (cumulative)  
Women – Cathy Snell – 218  
Men – Rick West – 230  
**This Week's Highs – Women**  
High Single – Cathy Snell – 272  
High Single Hcp – Cathy Snell – 276

High Triple – Cathy Snell – 585  
High Triple Hcp – Gloria Taylor – 698  
**This Week's Highs – Men**  
High Single – Rick West – 280  
High Single Hcp – Ken Thompson – 302  
High Triple – Rick West – 778  
High Triple Hcp – Ken Thompson – 858



# Event to highlight rail trail experiences

by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff

Stories and photos from rail trails in the Highlands and around the world can convey the affection and love people have for the trails, Pamela Marsales, co-ordinator of the Toronto to Algonquin Gateway, says.

These stories will be the heart of the upcoming Rail Trail Stories event, the result of a partnership between TAG and Friends of the Rail Trail, or FoRT.

Marsales said among the many stories that stand out for her is one about how a young family from Sweden came here to hike the Rail Trail.

"It makes you wonder. How did people from Sweden find our a Rail Trail and what was their experience of it? We would like to know more," she said.

The stories can also include the experiences of people from the Highlands, who went to other rail trails in communities in Ontario, Canada or around the world.

"We're inviting them to submit their stories and pictures to me ahead of time, and according to the time we have available we'll try to curate as many of those into the evening," she said.

Held from 4:30 p.m. to close to 7:30 on Sunday, Jan. 19 at the HHOA Fish Hatchery, the event also offers people the opportunity to share experiences through an open microphone storytelling portion.

Catering will be provided by SIRCH, who will be serving up homemade soup, sandwiches, squares and cookies – vegetarian and

gluten free available.

Tickets are \$18, or \$25 with the purchase of a FoRT membership. Memberships help with funding ongoing programming. Children 14 and under are free.

The all-ages event includes the screening of two short documentaries, each close to seven minutes. One is the Rodney Fuentes filmed/edited and co-produced TAG documentary, *TAG Along the Greenway*, and the

other is focused on New Zealand's Otago Central Rail Trail.

For more information or to RSVP email [pamela.marsales@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.marsales@gmail.com) or call/text 705-457-4767.



## Exemplary service

Haliburton County paramedics Jim Young, left, and Richard Balas received exemplary service medals and 30-year bars from paramedic chief Tim Waite, far left, during a Dec. 18 county council meeting. Waite was also honoured with the same. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

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Where: Highland Hills United Church, Minden

**Christmas Eve Service**  
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When: Saturday, Jan. 4, 2 to 5 p.m.  
Where: Minden Legion  
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Thursday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m. to noon  
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Monday, Jan. 6, 10 a.m. to noon  
Thursday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m. to noon  
Stanhope, Stanhope Community Center  
Tuesday, Jan. 7, 10 a.m. to noon  
Friday, Jan. 10, 10 a.m. to noon  
For more information: contact Wilma at 705-457-5829

**No-Family Doctor Immunization Clinic**  
When: Wednesday, Jan. 8,  
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton.  
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**Mike Stevens: Harmonica Virtuoso**  
When: Thursday, Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.  
Where: Highland Hills United Church, 21 New Castle Street, Minden  
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**Ladies Auxiliary Sunday Breakfast**  
When: Sunday, Jan. 12, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Where: Haliburton Legion, Main Hall  
Cost: \$6, Menu: Eggs or pancakes, bacon or sausage, hash browns, toast, orange juice, tea/coffee.  
Highland Trio in the Clubroom  
When: Saturday, Jan. 18, 3 to 6 p.m.  
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom  
Cost: \$5 cover charge non-members. \*50/50 draw at 6 p.m.

**Wednesday Ladies League curling results**

The Wednesday Ladies League finished the first session of their curling schedule on Dec. 18 with the following results:  
First Place: Joyce Nilsson, Sandra Slauenwhite-Box, and, missing from the picture, Pat Bradley and Suzy Landry.  
Second Place: Pat Woodcroft, Allison Mallette, Judy Webb and Jackie Conrathe.  
Third Place: Winn Taylor, Gwen Turner, Lee Crosby and Lisa Ross.

Submitted by Mickey Bonham



First place team.



Second place team.



Third place team.

**Ladies Monday Evening League results**

The Minden Curling Club has just finished a week of league playoffs. For the Ladies Monday Evening League:  
In first place Winn Taylor's team: Winn Taylor, Janice Cook (absent), Kayla Switzer and Lynda Litwin.  
Second place went to the team of Melanie Vigrass: On Mel's team: Melanie Vigrass, Carolyn Ludlow, Deb MacLean (absent) and Tetra Palfrey with Lee Crosby sparing.  
Elf, Jane Boyd presents the trophy and prizes.

Submitted by Pauline Plooard



Winn Taylor's team took first place in the Ladies Monday Evening League playoffs.



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Applicants: Lang  
Lot 3, Concession 7, Kushog Lake  
Geographic Township of Stanhope

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 3, Concession 7, Kushog Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 3, Concession 7, Kushog Lake, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

**FIRSTLY:** THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 3, Concession 7, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10302.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 16th day of January, 2020 and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: December 23rd, 2019

Dawn Newhook  
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Elf Jane Boyd, left, presented trophies to the teams. Here, the Melanie Vigrass team receives second place.

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**Christmas time is here, happiness and cheer**

Members of the Archie Stouffer Elementary School Assembly Team organized to MC the 2019 Christmas Concert held at the school on Dec. 13. From left, Sarah Teljeur, Lilly Casey, Owen Whitteker, Maddy Walker, Elyse Kernohan, Landyn Simms and Alexis Feero. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Kindergarten students rocked and rolled at the North Pole together on stage at the ASES Christmas concert held Dec. 13.



The Archie Stouffer Elementary School Christmas concert was held Dec. 13. This month the school community also participated in a 12-day food drive for the food bank, festive feast, Christmas shop, raffle, visits to Hyland Crest and celebrated with classroom parties.



Shayla Newhook lit up the stage during a skit.



Friends and classmates hold hands together in song during their performance.

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## Memories of Christmas past

Christmas in Haliburton County hasn't always been what it is today. In fact, you don't have to back many years to find a time when the airwaves weren't clogged in December with American pop singers belting out individual renditions of Jingle Bell Rock. And it wasn't that long ago that children round about this time of year didn't start to dream of mechanical toy heroes manufactured specifically for wiping out toy villains (batteries not included).

It's a curious thing, but talk to any oldster and you'll find that the further back you go the colder the winters get and the snowier the Christmases.

To find out what Christmas was really like before television, before the bomb and before the world was contaminated with radio active sub-atomic particles, The Times went to the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's home and spoke to some of the residents.

Lilly Hogg will be 91 in a few weeks. She was born on

a farm near the Scotch Line Road and lived there until she was 15, when she moved out to the Bobcaygeon Road.

"Santa Claus was always good to us," she remembers, "we always got excited as Christmas Eve approached - though of course we found out who Santa was long before we let on.

"By today's standards we never got that much - a few candies, maybe some toy, or something special, but then we never really wanted that much anyway. Just something new and different. I just remember that I always took what ever I got, and I was always tickled to pieces to get anything.

"We never had a Christmas tree until my brothers were old enough to go out and cut one down. But I don't think that ever made us unhappy."

Mary McKelvey is 66. She and Lilly have been neighbours all Mary's life.

"One of the things I remember most about those early Christmases is fetching the turkey. We used to grow

all our own and in the winter they'd roost in the pine trees near our barn. Well, shortly before Christmas Eve my brothers and I would go and climb one of those trees to bring a turkey down. You'd grab the beast and then pass it down to someone else who'd put it in a sack and then we'd drag it home.

"I can remember one Christmas - my uncle Henry Johnston was with us - and my brother Charlie, he wanted to see what presents we had. So after mum sent us all to bed, Charlie pecked down through the stove pipe hole. He said, 'well, I bet that's for me.' It was a little black dog.

"We were just small then and we decorated the tree with all kinds of stuff - candies, home made things. The whole family helped.

"After Christmas dinner we'd go off to visit relatives. First we'd go to Uncle Johnny's and then Uncle Sam's, and it just went on. Christmas took quite a while in those days."

Jean Taylor was born in Scotland in 1900 and came to Canada when she was 28.



Lifelong neighbours, Mary McKelvey, left, and Lily Hogg enjoy a laugh while reminiscing over the many Christmases they have spent in Minden.

This is what she remembers:

"Of course when I was a child in Scotland the big celebration was New Year's instead of Christmas, that was when we got all our gifts.

"We never, as children, got a lot. We never wanted a lot. But we were very happy. I think it had something to do with the fact that we made all our own fun.

"Nowadays it's all different. Children want so much, and I really don't think they appreciate what they get.

"When I was a child we got a few candies in our stockings, and maybe some toy or other. And then we'd play games. It was all great fun."

Pearl Lyle is in her 90th year. Raised at Horseshoe Lake Lodge - her father built it - Pearl was one of 11 children. As she remembers it Christmas was always a time to look forward to.

"One of the best things about Christmas was the sleigh riding. Where we lived there was a great big hill which we'd slide down right onto the lake.

"One year there was so much snow our parents couldn't get out to Minden to do the Christmas shopping. This one particular year we still believed in Santa Claus, so it was a blow for

us. All mother had was some fruit and raisins and nuts which she'd bought at the beginning of December.

"So that's what she put in our stockings. But my sister had already feasted on the fruit, and as soon as she discovered more of it in her stocking, she said, 'well if this isn't some more of those darn raisins.

"I'll always remember that - I was about nine at the time.

"Besides my 10 brothers and sisters there were three foster children in the family. Their parents had been killed in a train wreck, so we had taken them up from Toronto to live with us. That

meant that around Christmas time the house was often pretty full. One Christmas dinner there were over 32 people sitting at the table - but there was still lots of food left over.

"We never did get to church on Christmas Day. Or any day in winter for that matter. The snow was always too deep. Instead, a preacher - a retired fellow from the old country - used to come around to some of the homes in the area to hold services there. Ours was one of the larger ones so he often came to us. That was about the only church we got in winter.

"Oh yes, we had a lot of snow in those days."

## Reeve on the mend

Glamorgan Reeve Bob McCausland is "coming along nicely, thank you."

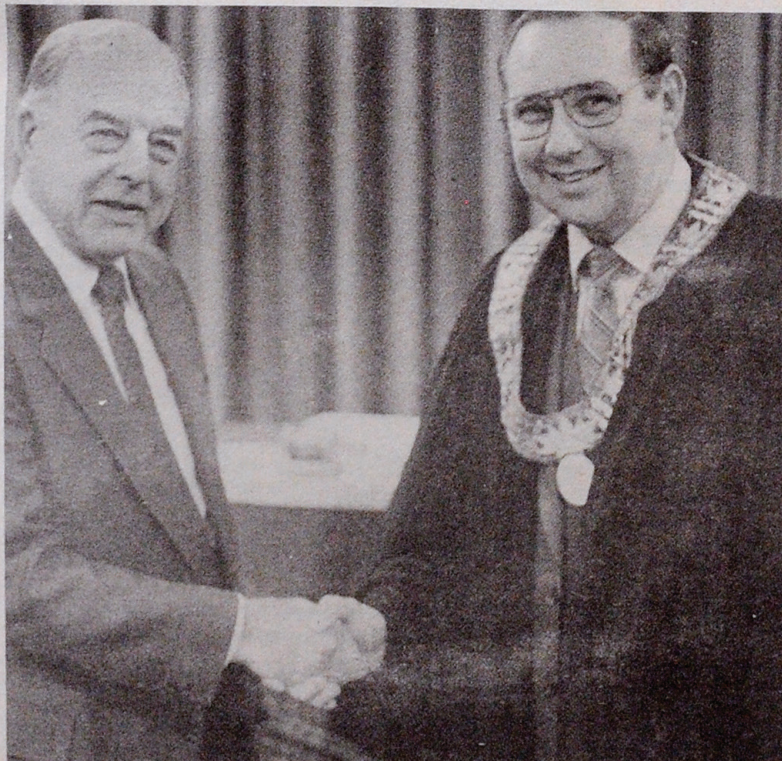
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His family is delighted with his progress and, according to his daughter,

Robyn, on Sunday, his spirits are high and he is a good patient.

The family will spend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with Mr. McCausland, taking a little Christmas tree with them to "brighten up his room."

"We are truly amazed at the number of caring people who have called about Dad," Robyn said, "It's nice to know so many people care about him."



Outgoing Haliburton County Warden, Harry Davis, left, congratulates the new Warden of the County, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. The ceremonies were held Tuesday, December 16 at the inaugural session of the County Council



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**Larry Bagg**  
(Resident of Eagle Lake, Ontario)

Suddenly on Saturday December 14, 2019 in his 58th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Sheila Rowell for over 25 years. Cherished son of Allan and Ellenor Bagg. Loving father of Julie, Cathy and Glenn. Dear brother and best friend of Rick (Rosalind), Nancy (David) and Kirby. Also lovingly remembered by his nieces and nephews. Larry was a licenced mechanic and owned his own excavation and snow plowing company. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, four wheeling and most of all spending time with his friends and family.

### Visitation, Celebration Of Life & Reception

Friends were invited to visit with the family at **SIR SAM'S SKI HILL** 1054 Liswood Road Eagle Lake last Thursday evening, December 19, 2019 from 6 - 9 p.m. Then again on Friday morning from 11 - 1 p.m. A Celebration of Larry's Life commenced at 1 o'clock. Reception followed until 4 p.m. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton or the Eagle Lake Community Church would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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### In Loving Memory of Jessie Beatrice "Betty" Scott

Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Monday, December 16, 2019 with her loving family by her side. At the age of 91.

Betty (Chalmers) was the wife of the late William C. "Bill" Scott, MP for Victoria and Haliburton for 28 years. She is survived by her son Guy (Lori) and daughter Laurie, both of Kinmount, and was grandmother to five grandchildren: Shane, Justin, Alicia (passed), Meg and Rachel. As well, she is remembered fondly by her many nieces and nephews. Betty is predeceased by her parents Jesse and Eliza Chalmers, by her sisters Doris (Garland) Barkwell, Madeline (Clarence) Hartin, by her brother Earl (Doreen) Chalmers and by brothers-in-law Ralph Scott (Florence) and Wayne Scott (Vada). Also fondly remembered by sister-in-law Margaret (late Bill) Mark.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Friday, December 20, 2019, from 3-5 pm and 7-9 pm. Then to the Kinmount Baptist Church, 4937 Monck Rd., Kinmount, Ontario K0M 2A0 on Saturday, December 21, 2019 for a Service to Celebrate Betty's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the church. Spring internment at the Kinmount Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation, Kinmount Baptist Church or the Kinmount Fair would be appreciated by the family.

### Betty Scott

Betty was born in Kinmount in 1928. In 1956 she and her husband, Bill Scott, took over a general store on the main street in the village. Scott's Store in downtown Kinmount became combination tourist information, meeting place and local landmark. They sold everything from soup to nuts. From her office at the back of the store she ran political campaigns, Kinmount Fair, meetings of every description, coffee breaks, news conferences, radio interviews, luncheon receptions, family reunions and just about every other event you could think of. Every Friday, a doctor would call in to pick up a list of patients for house calls, and sometimes even treating clients right in the office. She compiled a list of customers for the local heating oil company. Her office was also the second largest distributor of mail in the village. And when there was no bank in Kinmount, she served as a financial trustee for some residents while cashing cheques for others. She practiced the old time business motto of 'customer service comes first'. Betty was always a community person, often providing services and aid to those in need, frequently at her own expense as well.

**She was the rock who held the business and her family together.**





## County Echo Sports

# A good year for sports in Haliburton County

In 1978, Haliburton County gained two rinks, a couple of championships and keen competition

A view of County sports in retrospect



February — Haliburton wins Carpentier, Neimann Pee Wee Tourney



March — A collision at the Glen Dart Memorial Tourney in Haliburton



August — Ladies arm-wrestling, Haliburton County Fair

**January**  
The new Haliburton Curling Club opened and a new era of the sport began for Haliburton curlers.

The Haliburton Travelways Huskies, playing good hockey during the season, blew a 6-2 lead over Lakefield in the third period and allowed the visiting team to score four goals in the period to tie the game. It was a particularly embarrassing loss for the Huskies, since they were playing before one of the biggest crowds ever assembled at Dysart Arena.

A meeting of the executive of Haliburton Minor Hockey was held and plans were completed for the Lake Kashagawigamog Atom Tournament, which was to be held toward the latter part of the month.

The 19th Annual Skyline Spiel, with 32 rinks competing, was held and both 'A' and 'B' events were won by Oshawa teams.

**February**  
More than 1,000 snowmobilers braved freezing temperatures and manouevred a 100-mile course to raise money for the Ontario Society for Crippled Children.

Members of the local figure skating club held their annual show at the Dysart Arena and was termed a success by its organizers.

As a result of a bitter dispute that arose between the Haliburton Beaconbrook Midgits, the Cannington team and the OMHA, the coach of the Haliburton team demanded the resignation of Ed Grimshaw, the OMHA convenor from Uxbridge, and the possible withdrawal of Haliburton from further OMHA affiliation.

Oshawa won the Lake Kashagawigamog Tourists Association's three-day Pee-wee tournament.

John Coneybeare won the five-kilometre Echo Cup snowmobile race held at Head Lake toward the end of February.

Residents of Monmouth Township marked the end of a year's effort of constructing the Monmouth Arena in Wilberforce after its completion on March 1.

Despite an extensive advertising campaign, only 10 machines attended the Lake

Kashagawigamog Tourists Association Snowmobile rally.

**March**  
Following the opening of the Haliburton Squash Club early in the month, an open house was held and drew many perspective squash players.

Minor hockey teams in Minden and Haliburton were into their playoffs in early March and fared well in the finals.

The Haliburton Huskies dropped the first game of the league finals to Lakefield in a game that was marred with penalties.

The Haliburton Tri-County Pee-wees advanced to the finals by dumping the Minden team 2-1 in the series.

The Minden Juveniles advanced to the all Ontario OMHA finals after eliminating Havelock in seven games.

**April**  
The Haliburton Huskies had their season come to an end when they lost a sudden death seventh and deciding final game to the Lakefield Chiefs by a narrow 9-7 margin.

The Minden Bantams evened their best of seven all Ontario finals at two each on the strength of a 11-1 drubbing and a narrow 5-4 victory in games played at the Minden Arena.

The Minden Juveniles were beat out by Lucan in four straight games in the OMHA Ontario finals.

Over 200 people turned out in the wee hours to welcome back to Minden the hometown Bantams who went down in OMHA annals as the 1977-78 Ontario Bantam 'D' champions.

A Toronto man emerged the champion at the end of a gruelling morning of squash at the first annual Rockcliffe Hotel Invitational Squash Tournament.

**May**  
The annual spring dinner and dance of the Haliburton Curling Club was held at the PineStone Inn with more than 100 curlers attending.

On May 3, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School held their track meet and gave the students the opportunity to compete on an even level with their peers. By the end of the day, six champions were declared and eight school records had been broken.

The H.H.S.S. Track and Field Team, led by triple winner Brian Mulholland, defended their Kawartha West title at I.E. Weldon High school in Lindsay.

The former Whitby Dunlops, the 1956 World Champions who defeated the Russians in international play, held a reunion and banquet at

the PineStone Inn during the May 24 weekend.

The Minden Recreation Committee wanted Minden area baseball teams to form an association that would be responsible for scheduling use of the ball diamond for the various teams involved.

**June**  
Susan Kennedy and Larry Stinson were named girl, boy athletes of the year at the H.H.S.S. athletic banquet held at the Legion Hall.

The Haliburton County Ladies Softball season got underway on June 5 with two games being played.

Haliburton won the 'A' division of the Haliburton County field day. The competitors consisted of elementary school students from across the County.

**July**  
Plans to operate a camp for girls, at a local lodge, through the Oshawa Gemeni Gymnastics Club, were scrapped.

Between 1,500 and 2,000 people showed up at the Harcourt Baseball Tournament to watch some fine industrial league baseball.

**August**  
The Minden Seniors were the top team in the league as the regular season closed in Haliburton County Ladies Softball. The team finished the season with 19 wins and no losses.

The first annual Haliburton County Ladies Softball Tournament was held and drew teams from Oakwood, Little Britain, Camararon, Norland and Haliburton. Oakwood ended up winning the tourney.

Gooderham came away the winners at the Wilberforce Ladies Softball Tournament held in late August.

**September**  
A demolition derby was held in Kinmount during the Kinmount Fair with a Toronto man coming out as the winner.

Minden and Haliburton ladies battled for the County championship softball title, with Haliburton eventually coming away the winners.

Local hockey officials in Haliburton claimed that the mandatory use of safety equipment is causing an increase in rough play in minor hockey.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Redmen kicked off their season in mid-September.

Rick Wood was announced as the Huskies coach for the upcoming season.

The 1978 Corduroy Enduro motocross race was held at Deer Lodge, Local Haliburton father and son team, Dave Dodd Sr. and Jr. captured several of the awards.

The Haliburton Redmen Cont'd, page 7



May — HHSS Track meet - Mike Scheffee, Brent Colliver



August — Ladies softball, collision at home plate



July — Tug of war at Harcourt Fun Fair

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